



Physicians strengthen Montana’s economy

Montana’s office-based physicians ensure the health and well-being of their communities. A recent report by The Lewin Group proves they also strengthen Montana’s economy by creating jobs, purchasing goods and services, supporting wages and benefits, and generating state and local tax revenue.¹ The people of Montana benefit directly when the state creates a positive practice environment for physicians. By attracting and keeping physicians in the state, the people of Montana have better access to health care and a stronger state economy.

- **Jobs:** Office-based physicians support nearly 11,000 jobs in Montana
- **Output:** Office-based physicians contribute \$2.3 billion in economic output or sales revenue, representing 6.4 percent of the total GDP in Montana
- **Wages & Benefits:** Office-based physicians in Montana generate \$1.4 billion in wages and benefits
- **Taxes:** Office-based physicians generate almost \$95 million in state and local tax revenue in Montana

In addition to supporting the state economy, physicians also give back to their community by providing charity care. In 2008, physicians provided an estimated \$24.4 billion in charity care on a nationwide basis.²

2011 Economic Impact Study of Office-Based Physicians

	Montana	National
Total Number of Office-Based Physicians	1,853	638,661
Total Number of Jobs Supported by Office-Based Physicians	10,697	4.0 Million
Average Number of Jobs Supported per Office-Based Physician	5.8	6.2
Total Sales Revenue Generated by Office-Based Physicians	\$ 2.3 Billion	\$ 1.4 Trillion
Total Wages & Benefits Supported by Office-Based Physicians	\$ 1.4 Billion	\$ 833.1 Billion
Total State & Local Tax Revenue Generated by Office-Based Physicians	\$ 94.8 Million	\$ 62.9 Billion

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¹ *The State-Level Economic Impact of Office-Based Physicians Report*, The Lewin Group, Jan 2011.

² Kane, Carol. (2008, October) *Medical Care for the Uninsured: Who Pays for it and How Will Spending Change Under Universal Coverage?*, American Medical Association. <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/363/prp200803.pdf>